



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1014

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "RISE IN SEA LEVEL "
AND CONSIDERATION OF SEA LEVEL CHANGE SCENARIOS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (19) of section 22a-93 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (19) "Rise in sea level" means the arithmetic mean of the most recent
5 equivalent per decade rise in the surface level of the tidal and coastal
6 waters of the state, as documented [for an annual, decadal or centenary
7 period, at any sites specified in the state] in National Oceanic and
8 Atmospheric Administration online or printed publications for said
9 agency's Bridgeport and New London tide gauges.

10 Sec. 2. Subsection (h) of section 16a-27 of the general statutes is
11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
12 *passage*):

13 (h) Any revision made after October 1, 2012, shall (1) take into
14 consideration risks associated with increased coastal erosion,
15 depending on site topography, [caused by a rise in sea level, as defined
16 in section 22a-93] as anticipated in sea level change scenarios
17 published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in
18 Technical Report OAR CPO-1, (2) identify the impacts of such

19 increased erosion on infrastructure and natural resources, and (3)
20 make recommendations for the siting of future infrastructure and
21 property development to minimize the use of areas prone to such
22 erosion.

23 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 8-23 of the general statutes is
24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
25 *passage*):

26 (d) In preparing such plan, the commission or any special
27 committee shall consider the following: (1) The community
28 development action plan of the municipality, if any, (2) the need for
29 affordable housing, (3) the need for protection of existing and potential
30 public surface and ground drinking water supplies, (4) the use of
31 cluster development and other development patterns to the extent
32 consistent with soil types, terrain and infrastructure capacity within
33 the municipality, (5) the state plan of conservation and development
34 adopted pursuant to chapter 297, (6) the regional plan of conservation
35 and development adopted pursuant to section 8-35a, (7) physical,
36 social, economic and governmental conditions and trends, (8) the
37 needs of the municipality including, but not limited to, human
38 resources, education, health, housing, recreation, social services, public
39 utilities, public protection, transportation and circulation and cultural
40 and interpersonal communications, (9) the objectives of energy-
41 efficient patterns of development, the use of solar and other renewable
42 forms of energy and energy conservation, [and] (10) protection and
43 preservation of agriculture, and (11) sea level change scenarios
44 published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in
45 Technical Report OAR CPO-1.

46 Sec. 4. Section 28-5 of the general statutes is amended by adding
47 subsection (g) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

48 (NEW) (g) On and after the effective date of this section, the state
49 civil preparedness plan and program established pursuant to
50 subsection (b) of this section shall consider sea level change scenarios

51 published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in
 52 Technical Report OAR CPO-1.

53 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On and after the effective
 54 date of this section, in the preparation of any municipal evacuation
 55 plan or hazard mitigation plan, such municipality shall consider sea
 56 level change scenarios published by the National Oceanic and
 57 Atmospheric Administration in Technical Report OAR CPO-1.

58 (b) Within available resources and not less than once every ten
 59 years, the Marine Sciences Division of The University of Connecticut
 60 shall update the sea level change scenarios published by the National
 61 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Technical Report OAR
 62 CPO-1. Within available resources and not less than ninety days prior
 63 to any update of such sea level change scenarios by said Marine
 64 Sciences Division, the division shall conduct not less than one public
 65 hearing concerning such update.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-93(19)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	16a-27(h)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	8-23(d)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	28-5
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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